

REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)
Act 236 of 1961

600.946 Foreign attorneys; admission to bar, qualifications, extension of term.

Sec. 946. Any person who is duly licensed to practice law in the court of last resort of any other state or territory or the District of Columbia, of the United States of America, and who applies for admission to the bar of this state without examination, is required to prove to the satisfaction of the board of law examiners that:

(1) He is in good standing at the bar of such other state, territory, or district, and has the qualifications as to moral character, citizenship, age, general education, fitness and ability required for admission to the bar of this state; and

(2) He intends in good faith either to maintain an office in this state for the practice of law, and to practice actively in this state, or to engage in the teaching of law as a full-time instructor in a reputable and qualified law school duly incorporated under the laws of this state; and

(3) His principal business or occupation for at least 3 of the 5 years immediately preceding his application has been either the active practice of law in such other state, territory, or district or the teaching of law as a full-time instructor in a reputable and qualified law school duly incorporated under the laws of this or some other state or territory, or the District of Columbia, of the United States of America, or that period of active service, full-time as distinguished from active duty for training and reserve duty, in the armed forces of the United States, during which the applicant was assigned to and discharged the duties of a judge advocate, legal specialist or legal officer by any other designation, shall be considered as the practice of law for the purposes of this section, which assignment and the inclusive dates thereof shall be certified to by the judge advocate general or comparable officer of the armed forces concerned or by the principal assistant to whom this certification may be delegated; or any combination of periods of practice thereof. The supreme court may, in its discretion, on special motion and for good cause shown, increase said 5-year period. Any period of active service in the armed forces of the United States not meeting the requirements of duty in the armed forces as herein stated may be excluded from the 5-year period above prescribed and the period extended accordingly.

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